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Dear Mr. Haupt:

On September 8, 1978, Mr. A. P. Zechella, President of Offshore Power Systems wrote Mr. Douglas Costle, Administrator of the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency regarding EPA's position on the riverine and estuarine siting of floating nuclear plants (FNP's). I have attached Mr. Costle's reply to our letter.

Mr. Costle clearly states that EPA is not asking the NRC to ban riverine and estuarine siting of FNP's. He does indicate EPA's concern over potential impacts that might occur. We believe that adequate discussion of these potential impacts is documented in the Final Environmental Statement, Part II and the Addendum to the Final Environmental Statement, Part II and that the positions of EPA and NRC are consistent on this matter.

We recommend that NRC include the attached letter from EPA in the comments section on the RDES-II so that the record is complete.

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Attachment